

SENATE RESOLUTION 2 of the Second Extraordinary Session

By Kyle

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Elizabeth Ann Murphy of Jackson.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Elizabeth Ann "Libby" Murphy; and

WHEREAS, Libby Murphy was an exemplary community leader and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born on November 24, 1953, Libby Murphy was the daughter of John T. and Josephine Brewer Murphy. Raised and educated in Jackson, she was a graduate of the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Murphy was the owner of Murphy Tractor Company in Jackson for many years, Ms. Murphy became heavily involved in the business, eventually serving as its director before the business was sold; and

WHEREAS, a truly grand Southern woman and an ambassador for her beloved hometown, Libby Murphy played an integral role in countless philanthropic efforts in West Tennessee, working tirelessly both for causes to help her community as well as for those special efforts to provide assistance to an individual in need; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Murphy actively lent her time and talents to numerous civic, community, and charitable organizations, including the Ayers Children's Medical Center, Kirkland Cancer Center, Health and Healing Clinic, and the West Tennessee Healthcare Foundation; and

WHEREAS, a highly skilled writer whose work appeared in numerous publications, Libby Murphy was a regular columnist for *The Jackson Sun*, ran a web site called "Twist and Taste" that shared her recipes on a subscription basis, and wrote one book and was working on

another called *A Tennessee Waltz* which would showcase Southern living through stories, photos, tablescapes, and menus; and

WHEREAS, active in the social and political affairs of Jackson/Madison County and the State of Tennessee, Libby Murphy was also one of the founders of the Hatchie Bottom Diva Society, a club for area female "movers and shakers" in their respective fields that sought to socialize away from a work setting; and

WHEREAS, Libby Murphy was also deeply devoted to her family; she is survived by her mother, Josephine Murphy; her brother, Perry Murphy; her nieces, Carrie Jordan, Katelyn Murphy, and Kendall Murphy; and her nephew, John Thomas Murphy; and

WHEREAS, she was preceded in death by her father, John T. Murphy, and her brother, Dr. John T. Murphy; and

WHEREAS, Libby Murphy leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Elizabeth Ann "Libby" Murphy, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Ms. Murphy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.